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## THE iVIES - BY AVA C. ROOM B1

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iVIE stands for Innovative Video in Education and is sponsored by the San Diego County Office of Education. For the iVIES, students are grouped together to make videos about things they are learning. There are different categories each year and the purpose is to encourage the use of video in the classroom. Students learn film and editing techniques and also learn about lighting, sound and shadowing.

This year, the iVIES we submitted were: Battle of Gettysburg, Time Machine, Christmas to Remember, Cursed Kindle, Mr. Lego, Greek Museum Comes to Life, Pollution, Rocks and Minerals, Cyber Bullying, Think Twice, Life in Iraq, Texting While Driving, The Why Talk Show, Be Smart, Don't Start, The Amazing Pomegranate, Romanian Grandmother, Super Literacy, Watch What You Eat, A Not So Terrible Day and Home Schooled by the fourth grade teachers. From all the ones sub-



mitted, Life in Iraq and Texting While Driving were nominated.

On Saturday, May 19, all the nominated films were shown at the iVIE Festival at AMC Theaters in Fashion Valley! On Thursday, June 7, the winners will be announced at the iVIE Awards which are presented in a glamorous, Oscar style event which will be attended by over 1500 students, parents, teachers and staff

members. Let's cross our fingers that one of our very own Benchley-Weinberger students turns out a winner! Congratulations to all the students for an outstanding job!

Our students really enjoyed making the films. We want to thank all the teachers, staff, parents and other family members who helped us with our films.

We surveyed the students on what they think would make it better for students next year so watch out iVIES 2013!

## Kinder's in Full Bloom - by Alisa Z., Room B2



The Kindergarten garden has been a highlight of the year for many kindergarten students. All of the kindergarten classes participate in the garden. K1 planted radishes, K2 planted carrots, K3 planted radishes

and bulbs and K4 planted strawberries, sunflowers, tomatoes, and beans. They haven't eaten anything from the garden yet, but they hope to soon! One of the kindergarten students said their favorite thing to

do in the garden is to let the butterflies free and deal with the insects. Many of the flowers you see there are from previous years that continue to bloom. There are also two new apple trees in the kindergarten playground. It is a beautiful site!

## Elks Lodge Contest - by Breeana S., Room 4

On May 3, two of our very own Benchley-Weinberger students, Kalani P. from Room B2 and Oceanna B. from Room 4 entered a contest sponsored by the Elks Lodge. Oceanna entered a Drug Awareness poster contest and Kalani entered an essay contest titled "Why I am Proud to Pledge Allegiance to my Flag". They both won!

The awards ceremony was held at the Elks Lodge #168. "It was so much fun" says Oceanna, "we ate and got our awards, and I showed my poster, and Kalani read her 5th place essay." When we got there, "Kalani states, "Ms. Patton, Oceanna, and her family were there.

Then, for the ceremony, both our teachers came to support us!" (Mrs. Shelley and Mrs. Armstrong). Both of them want to thank their teachers, Ms. Patton and their parents for supporting and being there for them. Kalani, Oceanna, and myself, thought it was a very fun night.

If you ever have the chance to enter a contest that interests you, go for it, you never know if you may turn out a winner too!



## Room 9 Skypes New Zealand - by Isabella V., Room B2

Mr. Patterson's class has been skyping an elementary school in New Zealand! The school is located in New Plymouth, at the base of a huge volcano. The teacher's name is Mrs. Fairclough and Mr. Patterson met her while he was in college in New Zealand.

I interviewed Lauren and Vincent and their buddies. Lauren's buddy, Jessica, likes to go the Aquatic Center and swim. Vincent's buddy, Kayne Capri,

likes to go swimming, go to the beach, and play with Legos. He also likes to go to the Aquatic Center. I found out the we have a lot in common with students from New Zealand. Mr. Patterson came up with the idea to have his students skype. What a fantastic way to use our communication skills and have our first graders learn about a different culture. As the first graders say, this has been extraordinary!



Kathleen D. chats with Isla in New Zealand

## Panda Ben's Best - by Adam M. and Matthew T., Room B1

There are many reasons why it is important to have good typing skills. One reason is technology. Panda Ben's opinion is at least 29% of your time in school is spent in front of a keyboard (especially the upper grade students). Learning to type early is a great habit. Learning to type as an

adult leaves you less time to practice but learning to type as a kid increases the ability to become an excellent typist. It is also important to learn to type properly (remember those home row keys) and to sit properly so you do not have a sore back, arms or neck. Please remember to practice

your typing over the summer. Here are some great free online typing programs:

- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing)
- [www.abcy.com/keyboarding](http://www.abcy.com/keyboarding)
- [www.typing-lessons.org](http://www.typing-lessons.org)

## Amanda Panda's Advice Column - by Sara D., Room B8

We all have days when it seems like even our friends are not treating us well and maybe there are times when we know we have not treated our friends very nicely. Sometimes we need to remember that when we want to solve a conflict with a friend it is all in the approach. So, the next time someone makes you mad or sad try the following approaches:

- ◇ Can we talk? I want to resolve things.
- ◇ Remember the other day? Well it's been bugging me. I was really hurt (explain what you were hurt by).
- ◇ Our friendship means a lot to me and I want to work it out.
- ◇ Good friends don't put each other down.
- ◇ Good friends are dependable and trustworthy.
- ◇ Good friends respect each other.

Many times people say mean things because they are angry or hurt. Remember to have good friends, you must be a good friend. Here is some advice on how to be a good friend:

When you want to talk your problem out you should remember to be clear and truthful about what is bothering you and what you need. Also be sure you are listening to your friend's opinion about the problem. Always use your **brain** and not your hands!

## Movie Review – by Ella H., Room B2

### The Avengers

Although this movie is rated PG-13, we thought it was worth reviewing as many 4th and 5th graders have seen it (of course with parents' permission).

#### Reviews from Room B2:

Andre: He liked the movie because it had Thor in it. Rating = 5 stars

Nicole: She loved the movie because it had a lot of action. Rating = 4 stars.

#### Reviews from Room B8:

Eddie: He liked Avengers because of the costumes. Rating = 5 stars

Noah: He liked the movie because it had a lot of action. Rating = 5 stars

Jesus: He loved the movie because there were a lot of superheroes and they all teamed up. Rating = 5 stars

#### Reviews from Room 4:

Rosie: She loved the movie because it was funny. Rating = 5 stars

Aidan: He loved the movie because it had action, jokes and a good storyline. Rating = 5 stars

Jayden: He liked it because it was a clash of all his favorite superheroes. Rating = 5 stars

#### Reviews from B1:

Ava: She like the movie because of the adventure in it.. Rating = 4.5 stars

Trevor: He loved it because it was action packed. Rating = 5 stars

Salim: He loved it because it was funny. Rating = 5 stars

#### Reviews from Room B10:

Alex: He loved the movie because he liked the humor and action. Rating = 5 stars.

I agree with everyone. The Avengers was an action packed, funny and fast paced movie that had a great plot. All of the superhero's, Ironman, Hulk, Black widow, Thor, Captain America and Hawk Eye had equal screen time. Thor's brother Loki, is really evil but he is tossed around like a rag doll by Hulk. I want to see it again!

## Weird Facts - by Kayley L., Room B2

- The Atlantic Giant squids eye can be as large as 15.75 inches.
- The tongue is the strongest muscle in your body.
- A violin contains about 70 separate pieces of wood.
- The average person has over 1,460 dreams a year.
- As you get older, your eye color gets lighter.
- Thomas Edison, light bulb inventor, was afraid of the dark.
- You can't tickle yourself.
- Slugs have four noses.
- The keyboard row with the "Q" contains all the letters to type "typewriter".
- Armadillos get an average of 18.5 hours of sleep per day.



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## Panda Pride!



## Principal Patton's Post

By Rachel D., Room B8

Wahoo! Testing is over. Great job, 2nd through 5th graders! Thank you to the "Test Boosters Club". It was fun doing our rotations while boosting our brains! Please remember to keep focused and do a good job for the remainder of the school year. Congratulations to all the 5th grade students, I love you all and will miss you tremendously! Best wishes in middle school and please keep in touch!

### Notes from the Panda xPress staff:

Every student at B-W is given a black and white "hard copy" of the Panda xPress. This newspaper can be found online @ [www.sandi.net/bw](http://www.sandi.net/bw) under Students/Panda xPress. You can view the paper in color and send a link to your family and friends!

We also to thank our Foundation and PTA for your generous support and contributions to our Media Lab. We are so fortunate to have such caring and giving parents at B-W!

## Pando and Ms. Patton - by Cole H., Room 10

Oh no! Pando goes to China to see Ms. Patton only to find out she has already returned!

